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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - U.S.-IRAN RELATIONS,  
POLITICAL CONFUSION IN PAKISTAN AND GLOBAL ECONOMIC  
CRISIS

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Lead items on Monday morning included Sunday's fire that gutted the home of the late postwar Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida.

¶2. "U.S. Impatient for Dialogue with Iran" On President Obama's call for dialogue with Iran, the conservative Sankei wrote (3/22): "President Obama's videotaped remarks to Iran represent a flexible approach toward Tehran. At the same time, they also apparently reflect a difficult situation facing the U.S., in which Washington must urgently address expedited nuclear development by Iran."

¶3. "Aid Must Be Used to Ensure Stability" Concerning growing political instability in Pakistan, the liberal Asahi asserted in an editorial (3/22): "The Obama administration is preparing a strategy to stabilize Pakistan and Afghanistan in order to remove threats of international terrorism. An international conference is also scheduled in Tokyo in April on the stabilization of Pakistan. Continued political turmoil in Islamabad could make these international efforts meaningless. Pakistani President Zardari and opposition leader Sharif must take international concern seriously."

¶4. "EU Rebuffs U.S. Call for More Spending" The business-oriented Nikkei editorialized (3/22): "Germany and other EU members dismissed a U.S. call for additional government spending on the ground that fiscal discipline should not be readily eased until the effects of existing stimulus measures become clearer.... The schism between the U.S. and the Europeans appears to be very wide. The most pressing

agenda in the upcoming G20 financial summit in London will be how the participants can coordinate their policies in order to halt economic slowdown. The G20 leaders must overcome their differences to be able to strike a constructive agreement."

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